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To: EBSA, E-ORI - EBSA
Subject: Fiduciary Definition Hearing

This is a request, pursuant to your *Federal Register* notice of January 12th, that the American Society of Appraisers (ASA) be permitted to testify at the above-referenced hearing on March 1, 2011. My firm, Peter Barash Associates, represents the American Society of Appraisers on legislative and regulatory issues affecting the appraisal profession. I have been authorized by ASA's leadership to submit this request for a witness slot at the "Hearing on Definition of 'Fiduciary'." ASA also will be submitting a comment letter on the proposed rule.

ASA's witness will address those aspects of the rule proposed by the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration and published in the October 22, 2010, *Federal Register*, which relate to expanding the definition of the term, "fiduciary", to include those who perform ESOP-related valuations.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at my office 202-466-2221. Thank you for considering ASA's request to testify.